THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) A number of steps have been taken, consequent upon signing of MoU on 12.05.1994. Upper Yamuna River Board was constituted for regulation and supply of water from all storages and barrages upto and including Okhla Barrage. Upper Yamuna Review Committee was constituted to supervise the working of Upper Yamuna River Board and to ensure implementation of MoU. Upper Yamuna River Board, since its creation, has so far held 34 meetings to discuss various issues related to implementation of the MoU. As a result, all the beneficiary States have now agreed, that implementation of storage projects like Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar Vyasi should be continued pending the resolution of the issue of sharing of cost and benefits of these projects. A Steering Committee has also been constituted for speedy implementation of the storage projects like, Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar Vyasi.

The Upper Yamuna River Board has referred the issue of ensuring supply of Rajasthan's full share of Yamuna waters from Okhla headworks to the Superintending Engineers of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. The issue of releasing Rajasthan's share from Tajewala headworks is under consideration of the Upper Yamuna Review Committee.

(d) The Central Government has catalytic role in resolving various inter-State issues. It facilitates meeting of minds of various States by convening inter-State meetings.

Irrigation projects in West Bengal

235. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major irrigation projects, out of 162 projects as per Tenth Plan figures, undertaken in West Bengal;

(b) the details of major irrigation projects proposed to be undertaken in the Eleventh Plan;

(c) the amount that has been allotted and released for the above projects in the Tenth Plan and Eleventh Plan, project-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that many major projects are delayed due to non-release of money by his Ministry; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Two major irrigation projects in West Bengal were ongoing during X Elan and the same have spilled over to XI Plan. The details of these projects are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) In addition to above two major projects which spilled over from X Plan, six new major irrigation projects are proposed to be taken up during XI Plan in the state of West Bengal. The details of these six new projects are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Irrigation is a state subject and the projects are planned, funded and implemented by the concerned State Governments from their own resources as per their own priorities. Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Government under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme for expeditious completion of ongoing projects as per the guidelines of the programme in force from time to time.

The details of CLA/Grant released for major irrigation projects of West Bengal during X Plan and XI Plan are given in Statement-III.

Statement-I

Physical & Financial details of ongoing major irrigation projects of XI plan in the State of West Bengal

(Rs. in Crore) (Pot. In Th. Ha.)

Sl. No.	Name of projects	Basin /River	District benefitted	Plan of Start	Approval Status	Estimated cost Original	Estimated cost Latest	Cum. Exp. upto end of IX Plan (3/02)	Exp. during X Plan	Cum. Exp. upto end of X Plan (3/07)	Outlay Proposed by Sub group in XI Plan	Ultimate Potential	Pot. Created upto end of IX plan (3/2002)	Pot. created during X Plan	Cum. Pot. Created upto end of X Plan (3/2007)	Target for comple-tion
(1)	(2)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
1.	Teesta March, Barrage Sub St.I, St.I Ph.I	Brahmaputra/ Teesta	Jalpaiguri, Malda, Cooch Bihar, Uttar Dinajpur, Darjeeling	V	1975/PC	69.720	2988.61*	903.328	181.712	1085.040	410.000	526.688	119.110	16.410	135.520	2015
2.	Subernar-ekha Barrage (I.S. with Jharkhand & Orissa)	Subernarekha	Midnapur	VIII	1995/PC	215.610	1615.23*	33.789	10.013	43.802	199.500	114.200	0.000	0.000	0.000	2012
			TOTAL :			285.330	4603.840	937.117	191.725	1128.842	609.500	640.888	119.110	16.410	135.520	

*: Revised as per latest report received from the State Govt.

PC: Planning Commission.

Statement-II

Financial & Physical details of new major irrigation projects of XI plan in the state of West Bengal

(Rs. in Crore) (Pot In Th.Ha.)

Sl. No.	Name of project	Basin/River	Districts benefitted	Plan of start	Approval Status	Estimated cost		Cum. Exp. upto X Plan group in XI Plan	Outlay Proposed by sub	Ultimate Potential	Cum. Potential Created upto X Plan
						Original	Latest				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
1.	Darakeswar & Gandheswari	Ganga/Darakeswar/ Gandheswari	Bankura	XI	UA	90.000	910.887 *	0.033	100.000	52.700 *	0.000
2.	Upper Kangsabati	Ganga/Kangsabati	Bankura	XI	UA	43.800	43.800	0.093	10.950	59.000	0.000
3.	Dolong	Subernarekha	Midnapur	XI	UA	18.230	35.000	0.000	8.750	22.000	0.000
4.	Ajoy Reservoir	Ganga/Ajoy	Burdwan & Birbhum	XI	UA	70.000	70.000	0.000	17.500	20.000	0.000
5.	Siddheswari Noonbeel Reservoir	Ganga/Mayurakshi	Birbhum	XI	UA	50.000	120.000	0.000	30.000	55.000	0.000
6.	Teesta Barrage Project (2nd Sub-stage)	Brahmaputra/ Teesta	Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, Cooch Bihar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeedling	XI	UA	111.600	111.600	0.000	27.900	314.160	0.000
	TOTAL					383.630	1291.287	0.126	195.100	522.860	0.000

*: Revised as per latest report received from the State Govt.

Statement-III

CLA/Grant released for major irrigation projects of West Bengal during X & XI Plan

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl.No.	Project Name	Category	Plan of Start	Latest Estimated Cost of whole project	X Plan CLA/Grant	XI Plan Grant
1	Teesta Barrage	Major	V	2988.61*	38.711	21.930
2	Subernarekha Barrage	Major	AP 90-92	1615.23*	11.238**	0.000
	TOTAL			4603.840	49.949	21.930

*: Revised as per latest report received from the State Govt.

CLA: Central Loan Assistance.

**: Out of this, Rs. 10.25 crore were transferred to Tessta Barrage Project as per the request of Government of West Bengal.

Irrigation facilities for agricultural land

†236.SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of cultivable land in the country which has access to irrigation facility;

(b) the efforts made during the last three years to provide irrigation facility to farmers, particularly small and marginal farmers and details of the increase in the irrigated land during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to take steps to cover more land under irrigation at the earliest, keeping in view the increasing demand of foodgrains in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per the Land Use Statistics of Ministry of Agriculture, the net irrigated area has been reported as 60.86 million hectares during 2006-07.

(b) States have taken up several major and medium irrigation projects and minor irrigation Schemes for implementation. Government of India provides assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to the State Governments for early completion of the projects with a view to bring more land under irrigation and creation of additional irrigation potential. As per information provided by the State Governments, during the last three years *i.e.* 2005-06 to 2007-08, an irrigation potential of 5.14 million hectares has been created. The State-wise details is at Statement (*See* below).

(c) The overall target for creation of irrigation potential during XI Plan (2007-12) is 16 million hectare.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi